

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claim 1, 9 and 10, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

a first input unit configured to input application data created by predetermined application software, wherein the application data is usable by another image processing apparatus;

a second input unit configured to input print data suitable for printing, the print data being generated by converting the application data;

a registration unit configured to register both the application data and the print data generated from the application data in a database with a specific index, wherein the application data and the print data are associated with each other by the specific index;

a transmitting unit configured to transmit data to an external apparatus;

a printing unit configured to print an image on a sheet based on the print data;

a designation unit configured to designate ~~said-a~~ transmitting process unit or ~~said-a~~ printing unit-process as ~~an a data~~ output method ~~of data~~;

a scanning unit configured to scan a printed material on which a predetermined code is printed;

an index input unit configured to analyze the predetermined code, which is printed on the printed material, and to input the specific index corresponding to the analyzed predetermined code; and

a selecting unit configured to select the application data, but not the print data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input unit in a case where the specific index is input by said index input unit and said transmitting unit is designated by said designation unit, and to select the print data, but not the application data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input unit in a case where said printing unit is designated by said designation unit; and

a control unit configured to select the application data for transmission from among the application data and the print data and to control said transmitting unit to transmit the application data but not the print data, identified using the specific index input by said index input unit, to the other image processing apparatus when said ~~selecting~~ designation unit ~~selects~~ designates the application data transmitting process as the data output method, and to select the print data for printing from among the application data and the print data and to control said printing unit to print an image on a sheet based on the print data but not the application data, identified using the specific index, when said ~~selecting~~ designation unit ~~selects~~ designates the print data printing process as the data output method.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1,  
wherein said printing unit prints an image obtained by synthesizing the predetermined code and the print data input by said second input unit.
3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the predetermined code is expressed by a barcode.
4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the predetermined code is expressed by a character string.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the predetermined code is expressed by each character spacing in a predetermined character string.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein when the output method designated by said designation unit is printing by said printing unit, said selecting unit selects the print data and causes said printing unit to print an image based on the print data.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein when the output method designated by said designation unit is transmission by said transmission unit, said selecting unit causes said transmission unit to transmit the application data.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the database is constructed by a terminal connected via a network.

9. (Currently Amended) An image processing method of an image processing apparatus, the method comprising:

a first input step of inputting application data created by predetermined application software, wherein the application data is usable by another image processing apparatus;

a second input step of inputting print data suitable for printing, to which the application data is converted, wherein the print data is image data of a predetermined format;

a registration step of registering both the application data and print data generated from the application data in a database with a specific index, wherein the application data and the print data are associated with each other by the specific index;

a transmitting step of transmitting data to an external apparatus by a transmitting unit;

a printing step of printing an image on a sheet based on the print data by a printing unit;

a designation step of designating said a transmitting step or said a printing step process as an a data output method of data;

a scanning step of scanning a printed material on which a predetermined code is printed;

an index input step of analyzing the predetermined code, which is printed on the printed material, and inputting the specific index corresponding to the analyzed predetermined code; and

~~a selecting step of selecting the application data, but not the print data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where the specific index is input by the index input step and said transmitting step is designated by said designation step, and to select the print data, but not the application data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where the specific index is input by the index input step and said printing step is designated by said designation step; and~~

a control step of selecting the application data for transmission from among the application data and the print data and controlling said transmitting step to transmit the application data but not the print data, identified using the specific index input in said index input step, to the other image processing apparatus, when the ~~application data~~transmitting process is selected by~~designated~~ as the data output method in said ~~selecting~~ designation step, and selecting the print data for printing from among the application data and the print data and controlling said printing step to print an image on a sheet based on the print data but not the application data, identified using the specific index, when the ~~print data~~printing process is selected by~~designated~~ as the data output method in said ~~selecting~~ designation step.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A program which causes a computer to execute~~A non-transitory computer readable storage medium storing a program that, when executed by a

computer, performs an image processing method of an image processing apparatus, the method comprising:

a first input step of inputting application data created by predetermined application software, wherein the application data is usable by another image processing apparatus,

a second input step of inputting print data suitable for printing, to which the application data is converted, wherein the print data is image data of a predetermined format,

a registration step of registering both the application data and print data generated from the application data in a database with a specific index, wherein the application data and the print data are associated with each other by the specific index,

a transmitting step of transmitting data to an external apparatus by a transmitting unit,

a printing step of printing an image on a sheet based on data by a printing unit,

a designation step of designating ~~said a transmitting step process or said a printing step process~~ as an a data output method ~~of data~~,

a scanning step of scanning a printed material on which a predetermined code is printed;

an index input step analyzing the predetermined code, which is printed on the printed material, and of inputting the specific index corresponding to the analyzed predetermined code, and

a selecting step of selecting the application data, but not the print data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where the specific index is input by the index input step and said transmitting step is designated by said designation step, and to select the print data, but not the application data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where the specific index is input by the index input step and said printing step is designated by said designation step, and

a control step of selecting the application data for transmission from among the application data and the print data and controlling said transmitting step to transmit the application data but not the print data, identified using the specific index input in said index input step, to the other image processing apparatus when the application data transmitting process is selected by designated as the data output method in said ~~selecting designation~~ step, and selecting the print data for printing from among the application data and the print data and controlling said printing step to print an image on a sheet based on the print data but not the application data, identified using the specific index, when the print data printing process is selected by designated as the data output method in said ~~selecting designation~~ step.

11. (Canceled)